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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Brian M. Healy

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-37 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10, 15-24 and 29-33 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 11-14, 25-28 and 34-37 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 16 April 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: Brian Healy

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 11-14, 25-28 and 34-37 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The closest prior art of record, Kruglick, U. S. P. No. 6,556,739 (discussed below) does not teach or suggest the claimed equation relating moving elements, feed forward control signals, coupling coefficient, difference between end and start values and a normalized function characterizing disturbance in non-moving elements, as is recited in the aforementioned claims.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

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Claims 1-10,15-24, and 29-33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Kruglick, U.S.P. No. 6,556,739.

Kruglick '739 teaches (Figs.1-18) an optical system using switched MEMS devices and method for canceling disturbances (i.e. damping) in MEMS mirrors using same comprising: a MEMS device 202 that can be part of an array of switches 600 which utilizes "feed forward" control signals via control assembly 506,606 that uses DAC voltage values 603a-d with a microprocessor 502 that provides control signal to a plurality of voltage controlled movable elements 434,204 that moves in two axial directions and includes stop means 208 in order to cancel the disturbance caused by uncontrollable oscillation of the MEMS mirror, which clearly, fully meets Applicant's claimed limitations.

A copy of PTO-1449 will be included with this office action.

The following references are also cited by the Examiner as being pertinent prior art: Couillard, U.S.P. No. 6,360,036 (Figs.1-31), Qian et. al., U.S.P. No. 6,678,437 (Figs.1-11), Lemoff et. al., U.S.P. No. 6,539,142 (Figs.1-3) and Mori et. al., U.S.P. No. 6,711,314 (Figs.1-25).

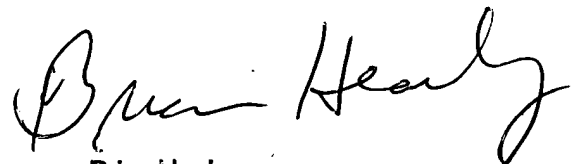
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brian M. Healy whose telephone number is (571)272-2347. The examiner can normally be reached on Compressed Tues-Thurs. 7AM-4:30PM.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Frank Font can be reached on (571)272-2415. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Healy", written in a cursive style.

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